

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0688

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, MT  
SUBJECT: MEDITERRANEAN SOCIALIST MEETING IN MALTA

REF: VALLETTA 0450,

1. IT APPEARS AS IF THE VAUNTED MEETING OF "PROGRESSIVE"  
SOCIALISTS (AND ASSORTED COMMUNIST PARTY "OBSERVERS")  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN MALTA AS SCHEDULED DURING THE WEEK OF  
JUNE 20-25.

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2. THERE ARE A FEW SIGNS OF PREPARATION UNDERWAY, INCLUDING  
THE ERECTION OF ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING, FLAGS AND  
POSTERS ALONG THE ROUTES FROM THE AIRPORT TO VALLETTA,  
AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CONTROLS AT THE  
HOTEL WHERE THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD (THE CORINTHIA  
PALACE, WHICH IS OPERATED BY A JOINT MALTESE-LIBYAN FIRM).

3. HOWEVER, FOR WHAT WAS BEING TOUTED EARLIER AS ONE OF THE GREATEST MEDITERRANEAN EVENTS OF MODERN TIMES, THERE HAS BEEN ALMOST NO MEDIA PUBLICITY WHATSOEVER ABOUT THE CONFERENCE IN RECENT WEEKS. NOT EVEN THE PRO-MINTOFF MALTESE LABOR PARTY PAPERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MUSTER UP MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS AFFAIR. RUMORS ARE THAT ATTENDANCE WILL BE AT A MUCH LOWER LEVEL THAN ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED, AND THE SO-CALLED "MEDITERRANEAN SOCIALIST SUMMIT" APPEARS TO HAVE ALREADY LOST ONE OF ITS STAR PERFORMERS IN THAT JALLOUD IS NOW EXPECTED TO REPRESENT LIBYA, RATHER THAN QADHAFI.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SUCH COMINGS AND GOINGS AS ARE OBSERVABLE NEXT WEEK, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT SECURITY WILL BE FAIRLY TIGHT AGAINST PRYING "NON-SOCIALIST" EYES SUCH AS OURS. OTHER THAN PRESS HANDOUTS OF THE INEVITABLE SPEECHES AND RESOLUTIONS, IT MAY WELL TURN OUT TO BE LARGELY A NON-EVENT EXCEPT FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, AND THAT EXCLUDES MOST OF THE 325,000-ODD MALTESE. LAINGEN

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